

SAGA OF STEVE WEST—

HI HARVESTS SOME KALE

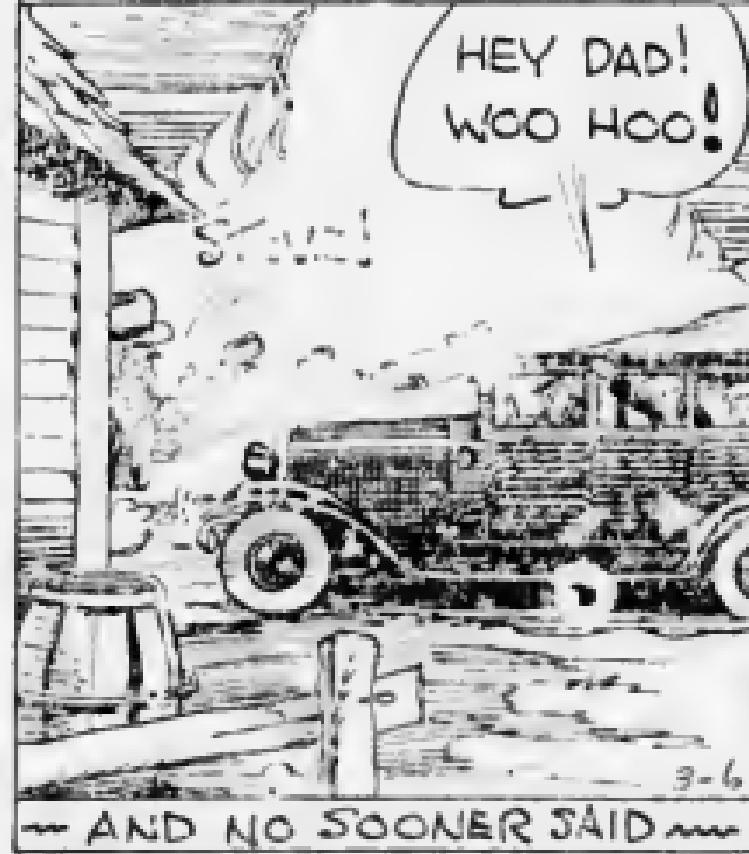
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HOME AGAIN!

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FAMILIAR PLACE!

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AFTER HIS TRUCK IS HI-JACKED, PETE COLLINS, THO WOUNDED, MANAGES TO STAGGER NEARLY THREE MILES TO A FARMHOUSE, WHERE HE IS TAKEN IN AND CARED FOR. UNKNOWNST TO 'RED' AND THE GREEK, WHO ARE OUT SEARCHING FOR HIM, PETE CALLS GEORGE EDWARDS AND TELLS WHERE HE IS. GEORGE AND STEVE HURRY TO PETE'S AID. THEY PLAN TO TAKE PETE TO STEVE'S OLD HOME AND LET GANG-LAND THINK HE IS DEAD.



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MEMORIES!

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PETE GOT HELD UP ABOUT TEN MILES FROM HERE AND THEY STOLE HIS TRUCK AND DRILLED HIM THROUGH THE SHOULDER. WE BROUGHT HIM HERE MR WEST, TO REST UP FOR AWHILE. I'LL BE GLAD TO PAY YOU —



I'D BE A FINE OLD TURTLE TO TAKE MONEY FROM YOU SIR, AFTER WHAT YOU'RE DOIN' FOR MY BOY.

FORGET IT.



WE'LL BE GOIN' AS SOON AS IT GETS DARK KID...THAT'S SOME DAD YOU GOT.

LET ME SHOW YOU A PICTURE OF MY MOTHER.



WASN'T SHE SWELL LOOKIN' GEORGE?

GEE, SHE WAS KID - IT SEEMS IVE



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STILL JEALOUS!

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TEMPTATION!

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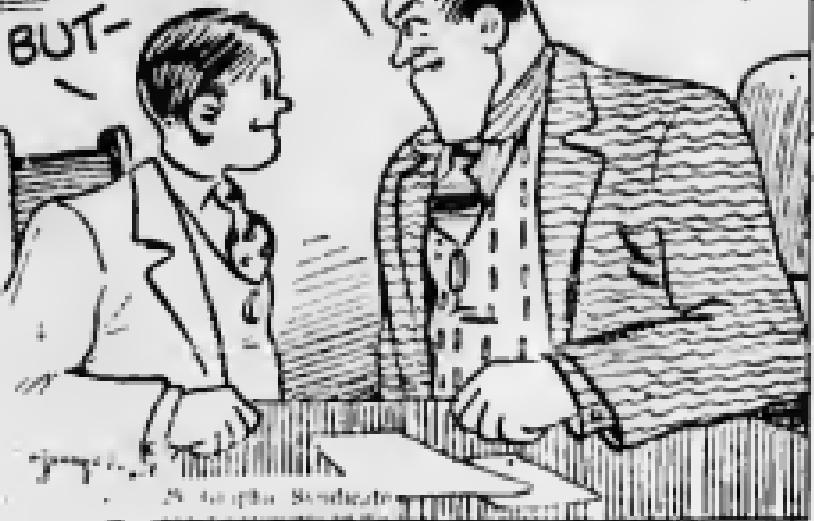


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STEVE DECIDES!

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I WOULDN'T SIT YOU AGAINST ANYTHING THAT I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD HANDLE. YOU KNOW THAT. IT'S ONLY SIX ROUNDS KID, AND YOU CAN HOLD HIM OFF FOR THAT LONG.



GOSH GEORGE, I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, BUT GEE, I NEVER BOXED IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE—AND AGAINST A PROFESSIONAL TOO!



IF RED HANNIGAN COULDN'T PUT YOU OUT, THAT LITTLE RUNT, TERRY LEE, CAN'T DO IT. AND YOUR OLD DAD NEEDS THAT DOUGH. YOU WOULDN'T LET ME GIVE HIM. NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO EARN IT.



I KNEW YOU'D DO IT STEVE. I'LL CALL UP GUS AND HE'LL TAKE YOU DOWN TO THE GYM. YOU'LL HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO TAKE THE KINKS OUT OF YOUR MUSCLES. GUS WILL TAKE YOU UP TOMORROW AND HE'LL BE IN YOUR CORNER!



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SECRET'S OUT!

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I'LL BE RIGHT OVER CHIEF-BUT LISTEN-THEY FOUND JOE MARINO LOADED DOWN WITH LEAD IN A WRECKED TAXI ON THE LAKE FRONT, ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. ED GAFFNEY'S ON THE JOB.

O.K. GUS
STEVE WILL
WAIT FOR
YA.

I'LL BE AT THE TRAIN IN THE MORNIN' TO SEE YOU OFF KID. I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO GO, BUT I DONT DARE LEAVES. HELL IS POPPIN' AROUND THIS TOWN NOW—



I COULDN'T HELP OVER-HEARING, Y-YOU AREN'T GOING TO SEND STEVE UP TO FIGHT A REAL P-P-PUGILIST???



—WHAT DO YOU CARE?



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100 PER CENT. GIRL

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MR. WHAT IS THE BEST
SPORTING PAPER? AH-M-
ER-THAT IS-PRIZEFIGHTING
NEWS-----

OUT
TODAY
WICHITA
TRAIL
200.



FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE - HE
WON! BY A TECHNICAL KAYO.
WHATEVER THAT MEANS - AND
I THOUGHT HE'D GET KILLED.

WICHITA
TRAIL
200.



SO ENgrossed was Helen Wy-
att in the news of Steve's
triumph, that she paid scant
attention to the big story
of the day. But in the "EL"
she happened to glance at
another person's newspaper-



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A GANG LEADER!! I ALWAYS
THOUGHT HE WAS A POLITICIAN
BUT I DON'T CARE. HE WAS FINE!
- A REGULAR GUY. GOSH, THIS
WILL KILL STEVE - BUT HE'LL
STICK BY GEORGE - AND SO
WILL I.



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HE IS THAT!

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WHEN STEVE ARRIVES HOME FROM THE SCENE OF HIS RING TRIUMPH, HE GOES IMMEDIATELY TO GEORGE EDWARD'S OFFICE AND THERE HE FINDS HELEN WYATT STUNNED BY THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE GANG BATTLE, IN WHICH GEORGE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT. STEVE, EXPECTING GAFFNEY TO APPEAR ANY MOMENT, WHisks HELEN OUT OF THE OFFICE. WE FIND THEM NOW IN A TEA ROOM ON MONROE ST.

AFTER WE GOT THROUGH HERE WE'D BETTER GO AND SEE GEORGE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS BUT I CAN CALL UP GAFFNEY. HE'LL TELL ME.



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DID YOU KNOW GEORGE WAS A CR----CR I MEAN BOOTLEGGER ALL THIS TIME HELEN?

N- NO - I DIDN'T
I THOUGHT HE WAS
IN SOME POLITICAL
POSITION - OH — !



I'M WONDERING WHAT MOTHER WILL THINK WHEN SHE READS ABOUT IT. SHE ALWAYS TOLD ME WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN SHE THOUGHT HE WAS.



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TIME TO DUST!

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I'M GOIN DOWN TO THE HANG-
OUT AND SEE IF DUTCH OR ANY
OF THE BOYS ARE LEFT. PETE
OUGHT TO BE THERE. AND KEEP
A STIFF UPPER LIP KID. MAYBE
IT AINT SO BAD AS IT SOUNDS.



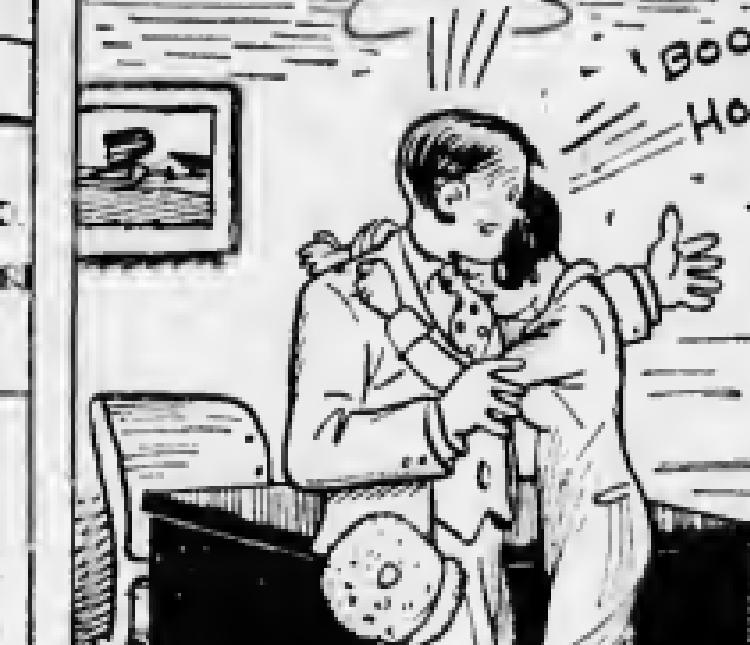
GOSH
HELEN!!

OH STEVE-
I-I-ISNT
IT-T-E-ERRIBLE
-?



WHAT--TH
ER- M-M-
GULP-HEY!
FOR -

BOO!
HOO!



LISTEN HELEN-STOP THE WEEPS
AND GET YOUR HAT. WE'VE GOT
TO GET OUT OF HERE. GAFFNEY
WILL BE COMIN' HERE, LOOKIN'
UP ALL OF GEORGE'S BUS-
INESS AND WE BETTER NOT
BE HERE.



SAGA OF STEVE WEST —

A BIT REPENTANT

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IM GOING IN HERE AND CALL UP GAFFNEY. IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE.

ALRIGHTY STEVE.



AT THIS MINUTE, GAFFNEY IS GIVING THE GREEK A STIFF QUESTIONING AND FINDS THE GANGSTER READY WITH PLENTY OF ANSWERS.

ALRIGHT THEN, WHAT WAS EDWARDS DOING OUT THERE?

HE WAS GOIN OUT TO GET PETE COLLINS.

HEY ED! TELEPHONE!



SURE THING KID. HE'S AT THE CITY HOSPITAL AND DONT WORRY NOBODY'S GOIN TO BOTHER YOU ABOUT THIS JUST STAY CLEAR OF THE WHOLE WORKS. REMEMBER NOW!



GEE, GAFFNEY'S A SWELL GUY. HE AINT GOIN TO BOTHER US A BIT AND HE TOLD ME WHERE GEORGE WAS. LET'S HOP INTO A TAXI, QUICK.

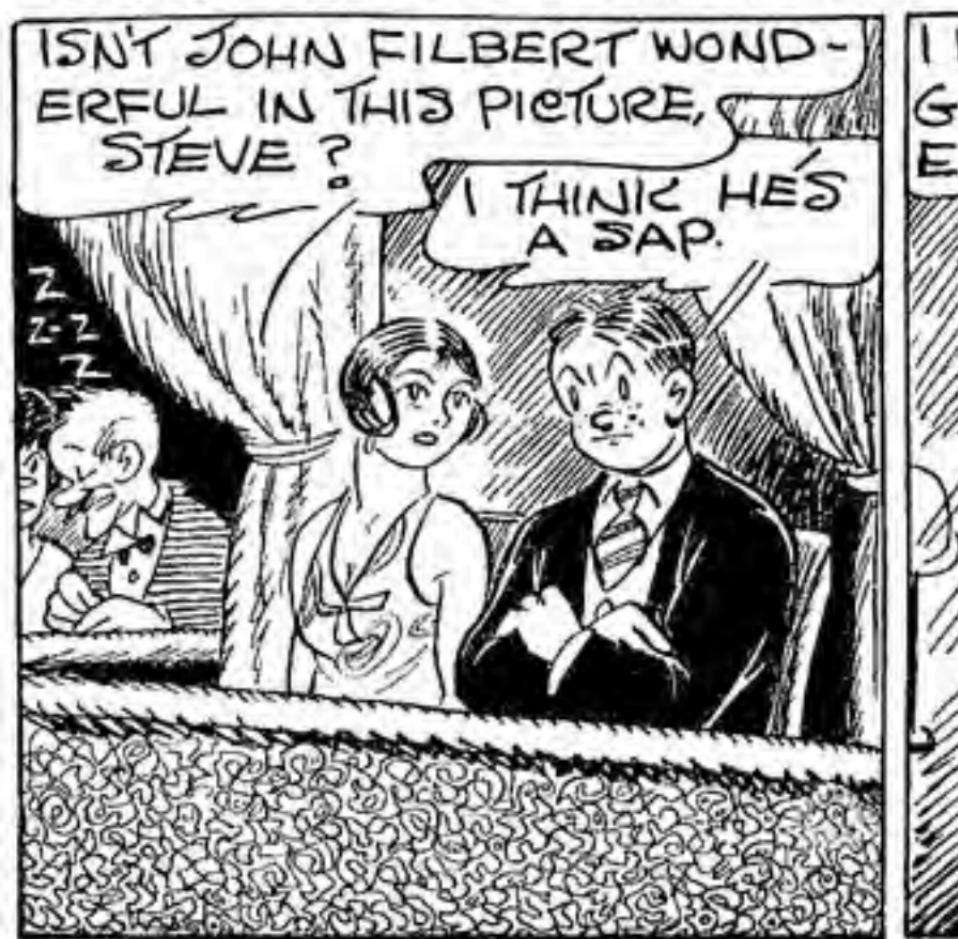
AND I ALWAYS TREATED HIM SO MEAN!



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HE SHOULD BE "TIPPED OFF"

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HIS IDEAL APPEARS

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ANGUS McCOOL, THE FACTOR, TOOK A LICKING TO ME. HE GAVE ME A HOME. I TRIED MY BEST TO EARN MY KEEP. IT WAS SURE COLD UP THERE ED, AND IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO GET USED TO IT.



"OLD BETSY" TAKES A LOT OF FEEDIN' GEORGIE, BUT WITHOUT HER, WHAT WOULD WE DO, EH ??



NAE PERSON BUT M'SEL' ENTERS THIS ROOM, GEORGIE I KNOW I WON'T HAE T' TELL YE TWICE !!



HELLO KID!

HI THERE!

AND THEN, JUST AFTER THE SNOWS HAD MELTED, I GOT THE BIGGEST KICK OF MY LIFE. I SAW! - AND TALKED! ED, TO A ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICEMAN

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Paddy Reduces

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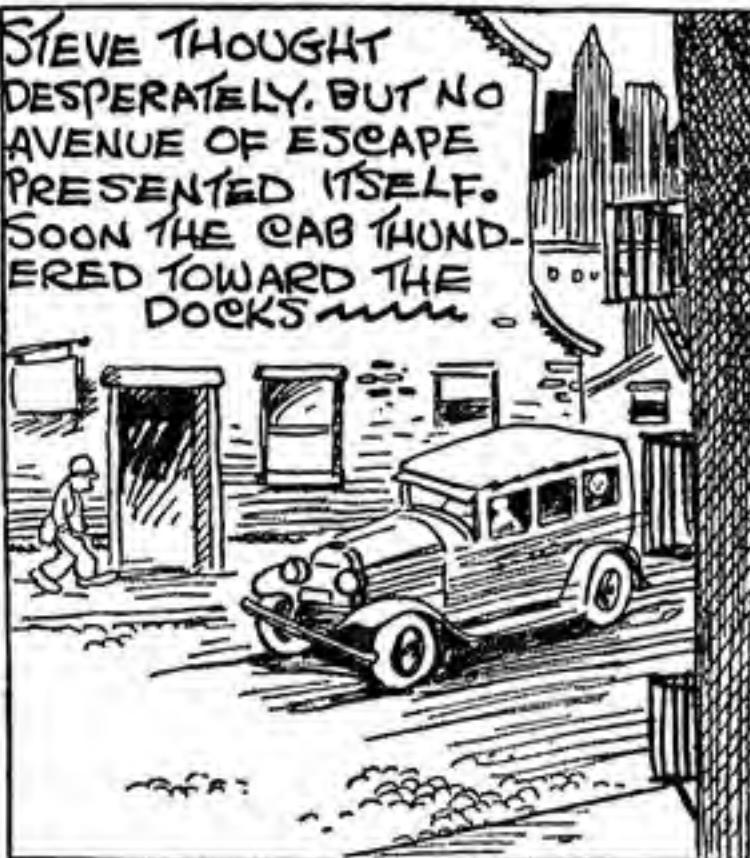
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AN' ONE FUNNY MOVE OUT
OF YOU KID, AN IT WILL
BE YOUR LAST.



STEVE THOUGHT
DESPERATELY, BUT NO
AVENUE OF ESCAPE
PRESENTED ITSELF.
SOON THE CAB THUN-
DERED TOWARD THE
DOCKS.



HERE'S YOUR FARE
CABBY. I'M NO PIKER—I
PAY FER MY RIDES, NOW
BEAT IT!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN! BRINGING,
ME DOWN HERE?



ASK AMOS DREW! HE'LL
BE HERE TONIGHT. HE'S
MET YOU BEFORE!

